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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: WATERGATE

1. EDIT IN MAR 5 POLITIKA BOZIDAR DIKIC CONTAINS ONE OF RARE (IF NOT FIRST) DIRECT COMMENTS ABOUT IMPACT OF WATERGATE ON US. ENTITLED, "WITHOUT 12 CHAIRS," DIKIC SAYS US AMONG DOZEN "SHAKY" GOVERNMENTS IN WORLD FACING TROUBLES, WHICH "UNPRECEDENTED." USA HAS "HEALED ITS SICK DOLLAR BUT HAS LED ITS IMPAIRED SYSTEM OF AUTHORITY TO ACCUSER'S BENCH EDIT NOTES. "AFTER YEAR OF WATERGATE, SCANDALS AND TREMORS," WRITER CONTINUES, "IN WHICH THEY LOST VICE PRESIDENT... SEVERAL SECRETARIES AND OTHER HIGH RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMERICANS HAVE LIVED TO SEE GRAND JURY CATEGORIZE CHIEF OF STATE AS GUILTY OF COVERING UP COUNTRY'S NUMBER ONE SCANDAL, BY WHICH SILK THREAD ON WHICH WHITE HOUSE PRESTIGE WAS HUNG HAS BECOME AS THIN AS COBWEB'S THREAD."

2. WHILE POLITIKA' NY CORRESPONDENT, JURIJ GUSTINCIC, HAS REPORTED FACTUALLY IN DEPTH ON WATERGATE, AND HAS ALLUDED TO IMPACT OF WATERGATE ON DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, YUGOSLAV PRESS NORMALLY HAS REFAINED FROM SUCH DIRECT COMMENT ON PRESIDENT AND WATERGATE AS IN ABOVE EDIT.

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